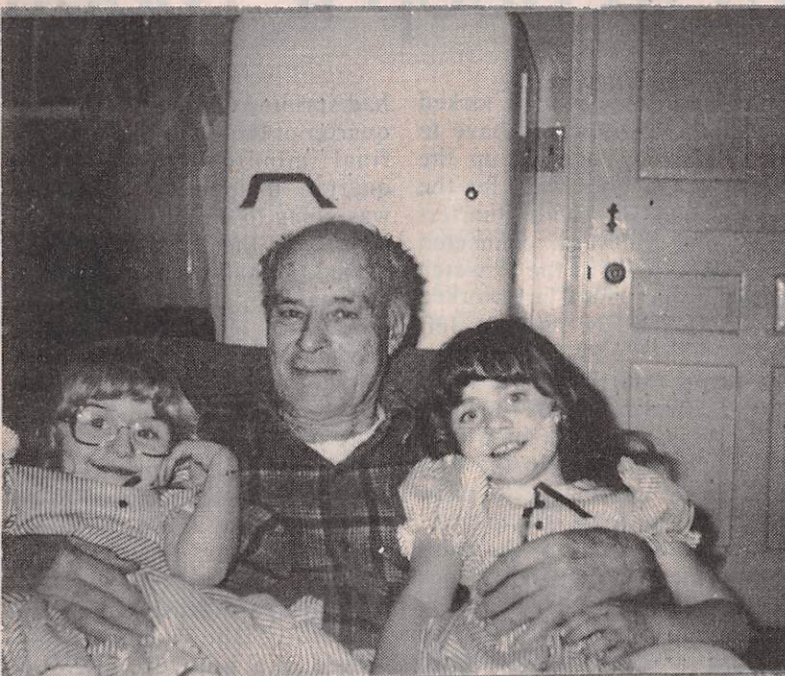


# Let's Get Acquainted

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Howard Freeze Tucker with grandchildren

Howard Freeze Tucker was born February 27, 1907, the second of two children born to Forrest Steven and Annie Freeze Tucker. He and his older sister were both born in Salt Lake City.

Howard's father was a business man in Salt Lake before his death in 1911. He died of Diphtheria at the age of thirty-seven. The home he provided was in the Avenues, just over the fence from the Lowel Elementary School and five blocks from the Governors home. Howard played with Jessie Knights' grandchildren, the Bennett boys and the Taylor family those were fun

loving days.

After Elementary School at Lowel, Howard was a student at Briant Junior High and interested in sports, he had many friends there, among them a friend called Dave Freed and there were two new black boys who were very good athletes. Howard had not seen some of his old school mates for years. A few days ago, he got a telephone call from Dave Freed who wanted to know if he had seen Moodys sports column in the Tribune, as there was an article about Eddie Tollen, one of the black boys they had known in Junior High. The article told of Tollen's winning the hundred yard dash in the 1932 Olympic Games and a gold medal. Strange, how memories of long ago can renew old friendships.

To get back to the article: After Howard graduated from West High School in 1927, Howard and his mother moved from the Avenues to a farm house with

Howard had been working with a large renovating group that hired men on a regular basis to clean business buildings and homes of wealthy people. Howard was at the head of his crew, generally assigned to working from high scaffolds and using wall paper cleaners. One one occasion he and his crew were sent to the Arbach home and Mrs. Arbach sent the men a large cake and plenty of coffee.

One of Howard's friends was Kendall Jacobson who wanted Howard to meet his younger sister, they shared the same mother but had different fathers as his father had died and his mother remarried. That day, Howard met Lyle Larson and her mother. He also learned that Lyle was an accomplished pianist, having taken lessons from Mr. Asper, who played the LDS Tabernacle Organ and taught music at the McQueen Music School. Lyle's parents were Lars Peter Larson and his wife whom the family knew only as Grandma Larson.

Howard Freeze Tucker and Lyle Larson were married on June 17, 1932 by an LDS Bishop, in Murray, Utah. They made their home in Murray.

When the mink industry was just getting a start in Utah, Howard investigated to see who had the best name in dealing with breeding stock, and learned that John Atkins of Coalville was the man to see. From their first meeting they became fast friends. He sold Howard six females of his best breeding stock and told him what he needed to know about keeping the animals healthy, also how to handle the pets.

Howard and Lyle left Murray UT and moved to Daniels Ward, three miles south of Heber City, UT, against the hills on the south of Heber Valley. They bought the "Old Plummer Home" a large sandstone two storied building with creek bottom farming land and the side of a hill for pasture. They bought the Plummer Place and moved in the Spring of 1946.

Lyle directed the remodeling of the home, and Howard busied himself with enlarging his stock and building sturdy steel shelters



# Sports

## Wasatch's Football Team Can't Seem to Keep it Together

id sprinted 66 yards in the first quarter of the game. Now, in the final minutes of the third quarter, it appeared that Cook was going to do all the work. In plays, the Cowboy offense moved the ball from mid-field to the goal line, all on the efforts of Cook. In 6 plays, the Cowboys moved 42 yards, and scored with a 3-yard dive by Cook. The PAT gave Grantsville the winning score of 14-7. Only moments in the final quarter, Grantsville looked to be pushing its way down the field, during precious time off the clock. Wasatch's defense put on an impressive showing, as they checked the quarterback, detected passes, and recovered a fumble at mid-field. The Wasps quarterback Troy Casper, committed a pass to Wayne Jennings who then flipped a fumble down the sidelines to Casper then was sacked for a out the 20 yard line.

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combination license. These licenses and permits must belong to the person hunting and this person must be the one to take the elk. No one may legally possess another person's license or permit while hunting. Party hunting is illegal in Utah, therefore only holders of an elk permit may possess firearms

between Murray and Holiday, near the grocery store where she was the bookkeeper. She never remarried. Howard's sister died of natural causes in the late 1930's, and his mother died in 1962 at the age of 86. There large Larson farm was sold and is now the Murray City Park.

Each summer, while in school, Howard found a summer job. On one of these summer jobs, when he was about 15 or 16 years old, he worked on a horse ranch near Boise, Idaho. Howard recalls swimming two hundred horses across Snake River, most of the men had a boat for the crossing but Howard had been told where to cross and was told if he got in trouble to slip off the horse and grab its tail and hang on. There was no trouble as he had watched several indians making the crossing.

Anita Freeze Tucker, liked to tell her children all she could about their father and his relatives. Often they all sat in the evenings in her mothers house, near the Murray Mill Slag Dump. When the cars came onto the dump and poured out the molten slag, the entire room of her house would light up from the red glare, and the older women told of the old days, one of the children's favorite stories was about Grandfather Tucker who had been a Sea Captain and how one day he and his crew sailed out of Liverpool England, and was never seen again, nor was any of his crew or the ship.

Howard recalls that Walt O'Tool stayed at his mother's house, when he had room. After World Ward One, Walt's mother-in-law, Mrs. McMillan, came out of the hospital and spent two or three days at the Tucker home while waiting to be taken to her home in Heber. Walt was working construction at that time. Many of the Heber people will remember Walt O'Tool.

for his mink.

Howard and Lyle had three sons when they moved to Daniel Ward, all born in Murray, UT. Howard Neal Tucker, called Neal, was born in 1934, he married Zola Olson. They had two children. They divorced. He married Kim, a young woman from Idaho, who had four children of her own. they live in the house south of Howard.

Danney was born 1936. He married Agness Jones. They have two children.

Jon was born in 1938. He was killed in an automobile accident in 1962.

Howard was industrious and he kept adding to his mink. The first pelts he sold were through a buyer out of Denver, Colorado, named Joe Deyser. After that he sold to United Mink Association out of New York. Then to Hudson Bay in New York, he was attending the auctions in New York Auction Center. After that, he sold to Seattle Fur Exchange.

When Howard finally pelted out his entire stock, there were three thousand pelts. The animals were eating 1500 lbs. of meat each day.

Howard said that he could not have done this work had it not been for his sons helping him when their own work would permit. During the years, Howard has won several plaques from the Association he sold to. For each plaque the raiser of the mink must contribute the best bundle, and each bundle must consist of 10 best female pelts and 10 best male pelts at the auction.

Howard retired last fall at the age of 76. He has lived along since his wife died in June of 1966. He has children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who visit often and he is in good health.

We wish Howard many happy years ahead and that he will continue in good health.



Howard Freeze Tucker  
Neil Tucker  
Dan Tucker

# **Taxpayers' Bill of Rights**

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